

## **RETRACTABLE PACKAGING**

### **ABSTRACT**

An elongated retractable packaging that can be compressed and elongated axially and encloses an elongated member is disclosed. The retractable packaging comprises of an elongated hollow tube housing with a flexible bellow section between the two ends of the elongated hollow tube housing. Both ends of the elongated hollow tube housing may be sealed with an opening means such as a weakened section in the form of a score line provided near one sealed end or one end of the elongated hollow tube housing may be sealed and the other end may be opened. The elongated hollow tube housing encloses an elongated member. The elongated member may have an applicator at one of its ends. When the elongated hollow tube housing is retracted, the applicator at the end of the elongated member is exposed for application. After application, the elongated hollow tube housing may be stretched back to its original length to enclose the applicator end.